

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application or previous response to office action:

1. (Original) A method for selecting the sheets of a record carrier from a pile in order to feed them to an office machine or a printer, comprising the steps:

- subjecting the uppermost sheet of the pile to a rolling action, through which the uppermost sheet is loosened from the next sheet on the pile and is moved in the feeding direction,

- moving the uppermost sheet with its front edge against a stop, which is moved under an impingement angle of at least 90 degrees in relation to the flat plane and the direction, in which the uppermost sheet is being fed, and

- picking up the front edge of the uppermost sheet and lifting it away from the next sheet.

2. (Original) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the stop is moved essentially in the plane of its surface.

3. (Original) The method according to Claim 2, wherein the stop is formed by at least one belt that is running upwards under the impingement angle.

4. (Withdrawn) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the stop is formed by a slider that is moving upwards under the impingement angle.

5. (Original) The method according to Claim 1, wherein a dividing element is moved between the lifted front edge of the uppermost sheet and the next sheet in the pile.

6. (Original) A device for selecting the sheets of a record carrier from a pile in order to feed them to an office machine or a printer, comprising a rolling action device that lies on the uppermost sheet of the pile and exerts a rolling action on the uppermost sheet in the feeding direction, a stop mounted before the front edge of the pile pointing in the feeding direction, wherein the front edge of the uppermost sheet is moved against the stop and wherein the stop can be moved upwards at an impingement angle of at least 90 degrees in relation to the flat plane and the direction in which the uppermost sheet is fed.

7. (Original) The device according to Claim 6, wherein the pile stop can essentially move in the plane of its surface.

8. (Original) The device according to Claim 7, wherein the impingement angle is between 90 and 100 degrees.

9. (Original) The device according to Claim 6, wherein the stop is built of at least one belt, which runs upwards under the impingement angle.

10. (Original) The device according to Claim 9, wherein at least one belt is a belt that can run endlessly and whose lump is turned towards the pile upwards and is running upwards under the impingement angle.

11. (Withdrawn) The device according to Claim 6, wherein the stop is built with at least one slider, which can be moved upwards basically in a linear manner under the impingement angle.

12. (Withdrawn) The device according to Claim 11, wherein the slider has at least one step, which picks up the front edge of the uppermost sheet.

13. (Withdrawn) The device according to Claim 11, wherein a sensor detects the contact of the front edge of the sheet with the slider and starts the driving of the slider.

14. (Original) The device according to Claim 6, wherein a dividing element can be moved between the front edge of the uppermost sheet moving upwards at the stop and the front edge of the following second sheet.

15. (Original) The device according to Claim 14, wherein the at least one dividing element is mounted before the front edge of the pile pointing towards the front edge of the pile that can be moved between the uppermost sheet and the following second sheet.

16. (Original) The device according to Claim 15, wherein the dividing element intervenes by means of a finger between the uppermost sheet and the following second sheet and holds down the second sheet.

17. (Original) The device according to Claim 15, wherein a press-on roller is mounted on the at least one dividing element, which presses the uppermost sheet against a driven pull-off roller when the dividing element between the uppermost sheet and the next sheet.